

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

With this amendment, claims 1, 2, and 4-25 are pending and under examination. Claim 14 is withdrawn as being non-elected subject matter subject to Applicants' election in its November 1, 2007 response. Claim 3 was previously cancelled.

Claim Amendments

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants wish to prosecute in this application. Support for amended claims 1 and 15 may be found, for example, on page 4, paragraphs 2, 3; and 4; Embodiment 1 that is found on pages 11-12; on page 14, paragraph 2; and on page 17, paragraph 2 of the specification as filed. Dependent claims 2, 4-13, 16-25 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments of claims 1 and 15 discussed in the foregoing comments.

No new matter has been introduced. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in subsequent applications that claim benefit from this application. Entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The Examiner states that claim 1 is vague and indefinite. Claims 2, 4-13, and 16-25 are rejected because they depend directly or indirectly from rejected independent claims 1 and 15.

As discussed in the foregoing comments, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15-25 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter being prosecuted. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and allow amended claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15-25.

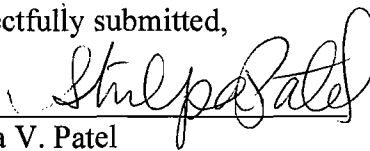
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining that the Examiner believes can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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